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1. A major rocket launcher unit was observed practicing at Moethlow, about 20 km east of Rathenow (N 53/4 15), between 12 and 24 March 1951.

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the whole unit, the 25th RL Bn of the 6th Arty Div from Premnitz, was engaged in a special exercise. the exercise was witnessed by a general from the corps headquarters in Rathenow, who expressed his satisfaction with it.

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3. A column of 13 prime movers towing guns of about 150-mm and 5 prime movers towing two-wheel ammunition trailers, left the Kraftfahrer Kaserne in Rathenow at about 1 p.m. on 12 April. Each prime mover was occupied by about 10 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. The troops had field equipment with them.

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the unit went to Altengrabow (N 53/4 00) for firing practice. (4)

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4. Sentries observed in front of the Infanterie Kaserne at the Rathenow-North railroad station on 13 April wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 70 officers were observed leaving the installation and assembling for a conference in the area of the Rathenow-North railroad station. The officers witnessed the loading and unloading of prime movers [] and truck [] which had come from the Infanterie Kaserne. The vehicles were occupied by an undetermined number of troops. []

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5. An unusually large number of trucks [] were observed at the motor vehicle repair shop at the intersection of Friedrich Ebert Ring and Langestrasse.

6. Between 12 and 20 April, the troops from Rathenow moved to Altengrabow by road and rail. On 12 April, 15 guns of from 100 to 150-mm towed by tractors [] and trucks [], eight tractors towing ammunition trailers, [] loaded with signal equipment were seen leaving Rathenow by road. On 16 April, two trains were loaded, each with 33x105-mm guns, three 37-mm AA guns, 50 trucks [] 6 boxcars with troops, and 6 boxcars with ration supplies. On 17 April, two trains were loaded, each with 6 boxcars of troops, 40 trucks [] 15 tractors [] and 15x120-mm guns. On 18 April, a train was loaded with 15 tractors [] 15x122-mm guns, 12 trucks [] seven boxcars of ammunition, and three boxcars of troops. On 19 and 20 April, 60 trucks [] 60 mortars, four boxcars with troops, and 11 flatcars with truck bodies without chassis were loaded. (4) []

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- (4) All vehicles belonged to the artillery brigade of the 6th Arty Div
from Rathonow.

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